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FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5439

C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1301

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SUBJ: KLM CAPACITY

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1. CHARGE SAW STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST MARCH 11 SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL TO EXPLAIN THAT ALTHOUGH TIMING OF DUTCH RESPONSE TO LATEST US PROPOSAL WAS A FACTOR, OUR MAJOR CONCERN WAS TO GET A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. TO THIS END, DEPARTMENT THOUGHT IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR THE AMBASSADOR HIMSELF TO TALK TO THE DUTCH BEFORE FONMIN VAN DER STOEL DELIVERED HIS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER. CHARGE ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR GOULD EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE HAGUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 14.

2. BRINKHORST GOT THE POINT IMMEDIATELY AND INDICATED THAT FROM THE DUTCH POINT OF VIEW THIS SUGGESTION MADE GOOD SENSE AS THEY HAD NOT GOTTEN VERY FAR YET INTO FORMULATING THEIR POSITION ON THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL (WE WERE TOLD YESTERDAY IN ANOTHER CONTEXT THAT TRANSPORTATION MINISTER WESTERTERP WOULD BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL MARCH 13).

3. TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION, CHARGE CONCLUDED
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BY SAYING THAT OUR SUGGESTION FOR A BRIEF DELAY IN THE

DUTCH REPLY UNTIL AMBASSADOR GOULD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK DIRECTLY TO THEM IN NO WAY MODIFIED THE CON-
TENT OR THE POSITIVE THRUST OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER
AIMED AT GETTING AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE KLM CAPACITY
PROBLEM.
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